

Seasons

Special Conditions

Archery deer, small game and migratory bird (woodcock and snipe only) hunting is permitted in accordance with state seasons and dates in the units designated as open to public hunting. The Wildlife Drive and hiking trails are closed to hunting.

Access

Vehicle travel is limited to designated parking areas. Snowmobiles, ATVs, and other off-road vehicles are not permitted on the refuge.

Camping

Overnight camping and open fires are prohibited.

Littering

Littering is prohibited. Pack your trash (including shotgun shell casings) out with you so that the area will remain clean, natural, and enjoyable.

Non-toxic Shot

Shotgun hunters must use non-toxic shot. The possession of lead shot is prohibited while in the field.

Other Regulations

The refuge is CLOSED to duck, goose and other migratory bird hunting. The refuge is OPEN to woodcock and snipe only.

When in doubt as to any regulation, contact a refuge officer or the refuge headquarters at 218-768-2402.

Part of the Sandstone National Wildlife Refuge, near Sandstone, MN, is open to small game and archery hunting. Consult refuge headquarters for current regulations.

Contact the local Area Wildlife Manager (Aitkin) for information on the nearby Kimberly Marsh Wildlife Management Area at (218) 927-6915

(See other side for more information)

Small Game

Ruffed/ Spruce/ Sharp-tailed Grouse	Open	Reserved
Snowshoe Hare	Open	Reserved
Cottontail Rabbit	Open	Reserved
Gray/ Fox Squirrel	Open	Reserved

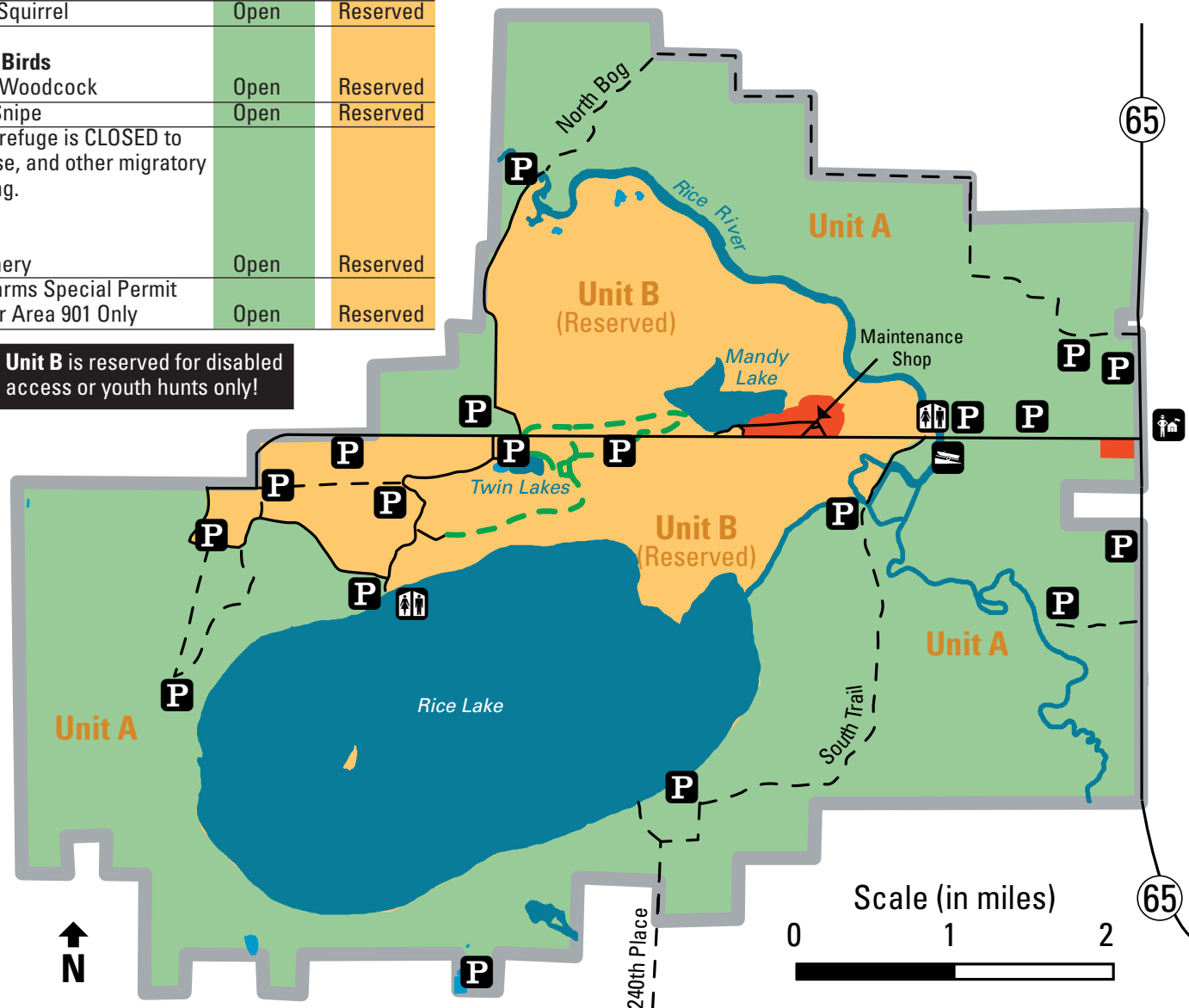
Migratory Birds

American Woodcock	Open	Reserved
Common Snipe	Open	Reserved
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Big Game

Deer, Archery	Open	Reserved
Deer, Firearms Special Permit Holders for Area 901 Only	Open	Reserved

* Unit B is reserved for disabled access or youth hunts only!



	Refuge Boundary		Boat Launch		Unit A-Public Hunting
	Refuge Visitor Center		Maintained Roads		Unit B (Reserved)
	Parking Area		Seasonal Roads		Closed to Hunting
	Restrooms		Trails		

Report violations by calling the Aitkin County Sheriff at 1-888-900-2138, or 911.

*Deer-Firearms
Permits*

Rice Lake NWR is state designated “Special Permit” Area 901 for either sex permits. **Area 901 permit holders may hunt in Unit A only. See map for details.** Hunters apply to the MN Department of Natural Resources for a Special Area Permit according to regulations and procedures. Details on the firearms hunt, dates and application procedures are outlined in the annual Minnesota Hunting and Trapping Regulations booklet for the “either sex” permit. Contact the refuge office for application procedures for the disabled access and the youth only hunts.

*Deer
Registration*

Deer taken by archery may be registered at any authorized Registration Station. Also, please notify the refuge office of any deer taken to aid in our management program.

*Hunting
Stands*

Only portable stands not requiring the use of nails, screws, bolts or other metal objects to be driven into the tree to support a hunter may be used. Stands must not be left overnight.

Alcohol

The use or possession of alcoholic beverages while hunting on National Wildlife Refuges is prohibited. Have a safe hunt!

*Target
Shooting*

Prohibited.

Rice Lake National Wildlife Refuge
36289 State Highway 65
218/764-2402

**People with hearing impairments
may reach Rice Lake NWR through
the Federal Information Relay System at
1 800/877 8339**

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
1 800/344 WILD
<http://www.fws.gov>



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Rice Lake

National Wildlife Refuge Hunting Map & Regulations



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